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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Submitted herewith are the following documents relating to the above-identified patent application:

- 1. Preliminary Amendment;
- 2. Marked-Up Figures 8 and 9B; and
- 3. Substitute Figures 8 and 9B.

There is no additional claim fee due in connection with the Response. In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510 as required to correct the error. Duplicate copies of this letter are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: